

California High-Speed Train System



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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ABSTRACT

This memorandum is intended to establish the Safety and Security Policy for the California High-Speed Train System (CHSTS) that will be used as a confirmation of the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) commitment to plan, design, construct, test and prepare for operating a high-speed train system that operates with a primary focus on safety and security.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for certifying the planning, design, construction, testing, and placement into revenue service a safe and secure high-speed train system. The Safety and Security Policy Statement is a high-level confirmation of the Authority's commitment to safety and security.

1.1 PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to provide a vehicle for the authorization of the Safety and Security Policy Statement by the Authority.

1.2 GENERAL INFORMATION

Absent federal regulations that govern the completion of major capital projects, the Federal Railroad Administration looks to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations for guidance. FTA regulations found at 49 CFR 633 requires the development of a *Project Management Plan* (PMP) for every major capital transit project. As described in FTA Circular 5800.1 *Safety and Security Management Guidance for Major Capital Projects*, (dated 8/1/07) a *Safety and Security Management Plan* (SSMP) is the element of the PMP that manages project safety and security activities, responsibilities, and verification processes throughout the project life cycle.

A critical (and required) element of the SSMP, as described in FTA Circular 5800.1, is the Safety and Security Policy Statement.

2.0 DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL TOPIC

2.1 SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Authority to perform work on the California High-Speed Train System (CHSTS) in a manner that ensures the safety and security of passengers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the public. The application of system safety and security comprises a fundamental hazard and vulnerability management process that incorporates the characteristics of planning, design, construction, testing, operational readiness, and subsequent operation of the high-speed rail system. Safety and security are priority considerations in the planning and execution of all work activities on the CHSTS.

All trains, facilities, systems and operational processes must be designed, constructed, and implemented in a manner that promotes the safety and security of persons and property. The design, construction, testing, and start-up of the CHSTS will comply with applicable safety and security laws, regulations, requirements and railroad industry practices. The Authority will maintain or improve upon the public transit and railroad industry standards for safety and security. Through the Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Safety (RAMS) Program a standard of safety will be established that is as safe as or safer than conventional U.S. railroad operations and in conformance with the best practices and standards for safety in the international high-speed rail industry. The design, construction, testing, and start-up of the CHSTS will be accomplished in compliance with this standard.

The Authority is committed to providing a safe and secure travel and work environment. Therefore, safety, accident prevention, and security breach prevention must be incorporated into the performance of every employee task. All Authority, Program Management Team, and contractor personnel, subcontractors and employees are charged with the responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of passengers, employees, contractors, emergency responders, and the public who come in contact with the CHSTS. Each individual and organization is responsible for hazard and vulnerability management, for applying the processes that are designed to ensure safety and security, and for maintaining established safety and security standards, consistent with their position and organizational function. Through a cooperative team



effort and the systemic application of safety and security principles, the CHSTS will be designed, constructed, tested, and placed into service in a safe and secure manner.

3.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Authority approve and authorize this Safety and Security Policy Statement.

It is recommended that the Program Management Team implements this Safety and Security Policy Statement across all facets of the CHSTS, initially including it in the *Safety and Security Management Plan*, and subsequently in the *System Safety Program Plan* and the *Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan*.

It is recommended that the Safety and Security Policy Statement be included in all construction safety and security contract requirements.

It is recommended that the Authority's CEO signature be affixed to all versions of the Safety and Security Policy statement when published in other documents. See Appendix A.



APPENDIX A

Safety and Security Policy Statement

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